

Cattle, Beef, Muscle Cuts of Beef, Ground Beef

Seed Stock / Cow Calf	Stocker / Backgrounder	Preconditioning /Feedlot	Slaughter/ Fabricator	Fabricator/ Processor	Distributor
Responsibility					
Provide enough information for an auditor to verify the origin and ownership of the animals identified and to verify the stated designation. Properly identify and record all animals according to the designation	Identify and segregate animals as to the origin designation. Properly identify all animals sold. Maintain the integrity of the identification. Maintain ownership transfer.	Upon receipt properly identify animals according to their designation. Segregate and control animals. Properly identify all animals sold. Maintain ownership records.	Segregate animals according to the country designation. Segregate and control carcasses throughout the system and properly label product according to the country designation. Document origin of all product.	Transfer labels and identification of all products processed. Operate under a labeling program. Inventory all products according to the origin.	Maintain the integrity of labeled product. If repackaged, transfer the original identification.
Examples of Records and Activities that may be useful.					
Birth records	Transportation records	Transportation records	Transportation records	Product inventory	Invoices
Receiving records	Receiving Records	Receiving Records	Receiving Records	Receiving Records	Receiving Records
Purchase records	Purchase Records	Purchase Records	Purchase Records	Purchase Records	Purchase Records
Cow/Calf tag ID system	ID system	ID system	Plant ID system	Production Records	Sales records
Sales receipts	Sales Receipts	Sales Receipts	Sales Receipts	Sale Receipts	Sales Receipts
Feed bills	Feed bills	Feed bills	Carcasses ID	Label Inventory	Affidavits
Feeding records	Transfer of ID System	Pen records	Shipping manifest	Labeling requirements	Labeling requirements
Animal inventory	Feeding records	Feeding Records	Packaging records	Yield sheet	Inventory
Acreage inventory	Declaration documents	Shipping records	Weight tickets	UPC codes	Plant Establishment #'s
Site maps	Preconditioning Records	Rate of gain records – Yield records			
APHIS VS Forms	APHIS requirements	APHIS requirements			
Production estimates	VS Forms and Records	VS Forms and Records	VS Forms and Records		
Health records		Health Records			
Ownership records			FSIS labeling Reg	FSIS labeling Reg	FSIS labeling Reg
Segregation plan	Segregation plan	Segregation plan	Segregation plan	Segregation plan	Segregation plan
State Brand requirements	State Brand requirements	State Brand requirements			
Replacement activities	Replacement activities	Accounting process for inbound animals			
Beef Quality Program	Beef Quality Program	Beef Quality Program			
Breeding stock information					

The examples of documents and records listed in this table, although extensive, are not inclusive of all documents and records that may be useful to verify compliance with the Country of Origin Labeling provisions of the 2002 Farm Bill. Additionally, maintaining documents and records such as those listed as examples will not necessarily ensure compliance. The documents listed are examples only and are for the sole purpose of providing information for producers, processors, and retailers to consider when establishing records for verification purposes. During a compliance audit conducted by USDA, auditors will review any and all documents to the extent necessary to arrive at an accurate decision on the level of compliance.